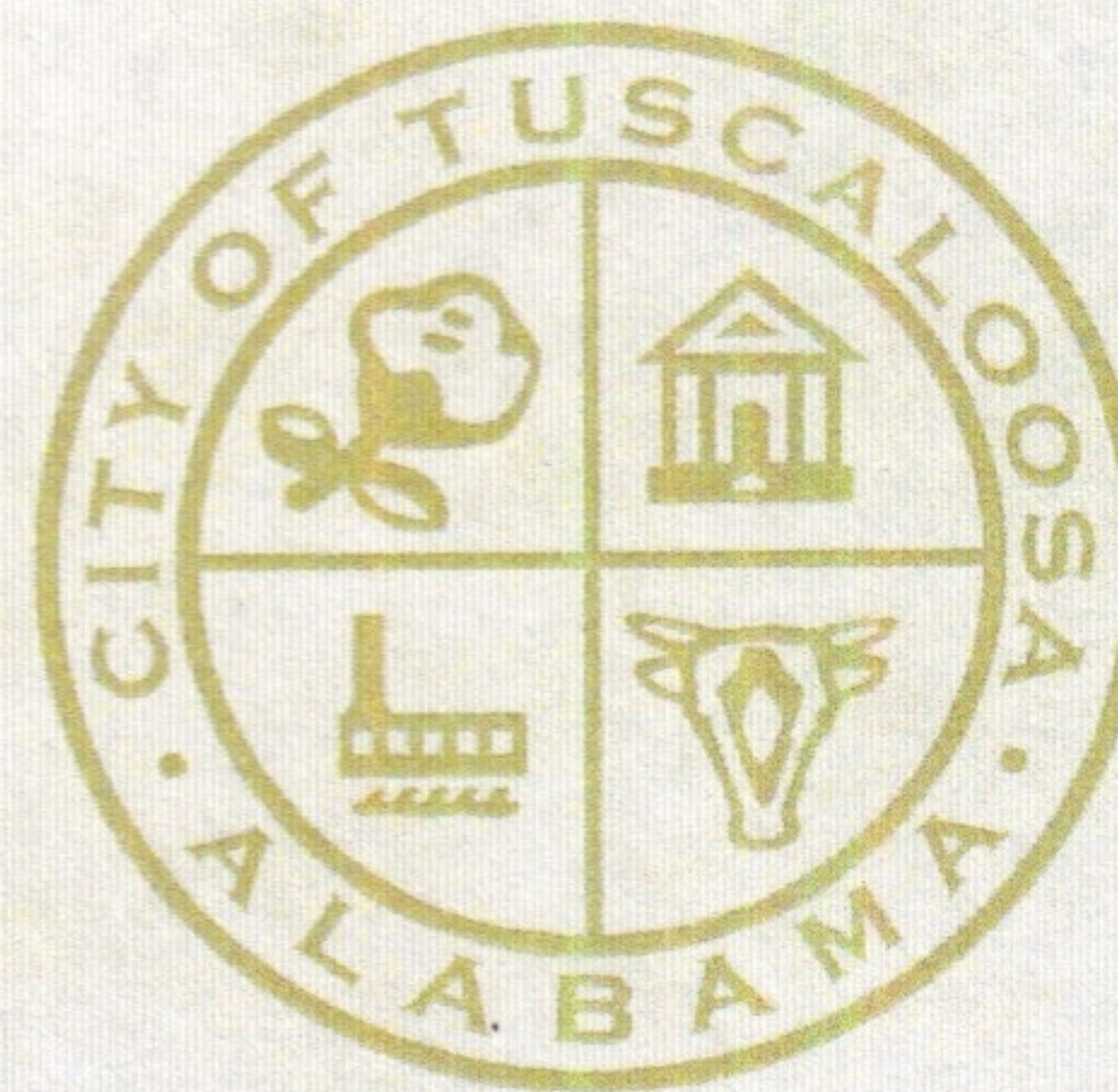


Proclamation

Office of the Mayor
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



Whereas:

In the almost thirty years since the inception of the program, New Options women have enjoyed significant achievements, both in personal life and in career attainment; and

Whereas:

The guiding principle of New Options is to encourage women to achieve economic independence and personal fulfillment; and

Whereas:

Our curriculum offers academic scholarships, individual guidance through counseling sessions, seminars in the preparation for future success both in career and personal life, and much welcomed life enrichment opportunities; and

Whereas:

An oft repeated statement by women who sought new options with hope and determination is "now it's for me;" and

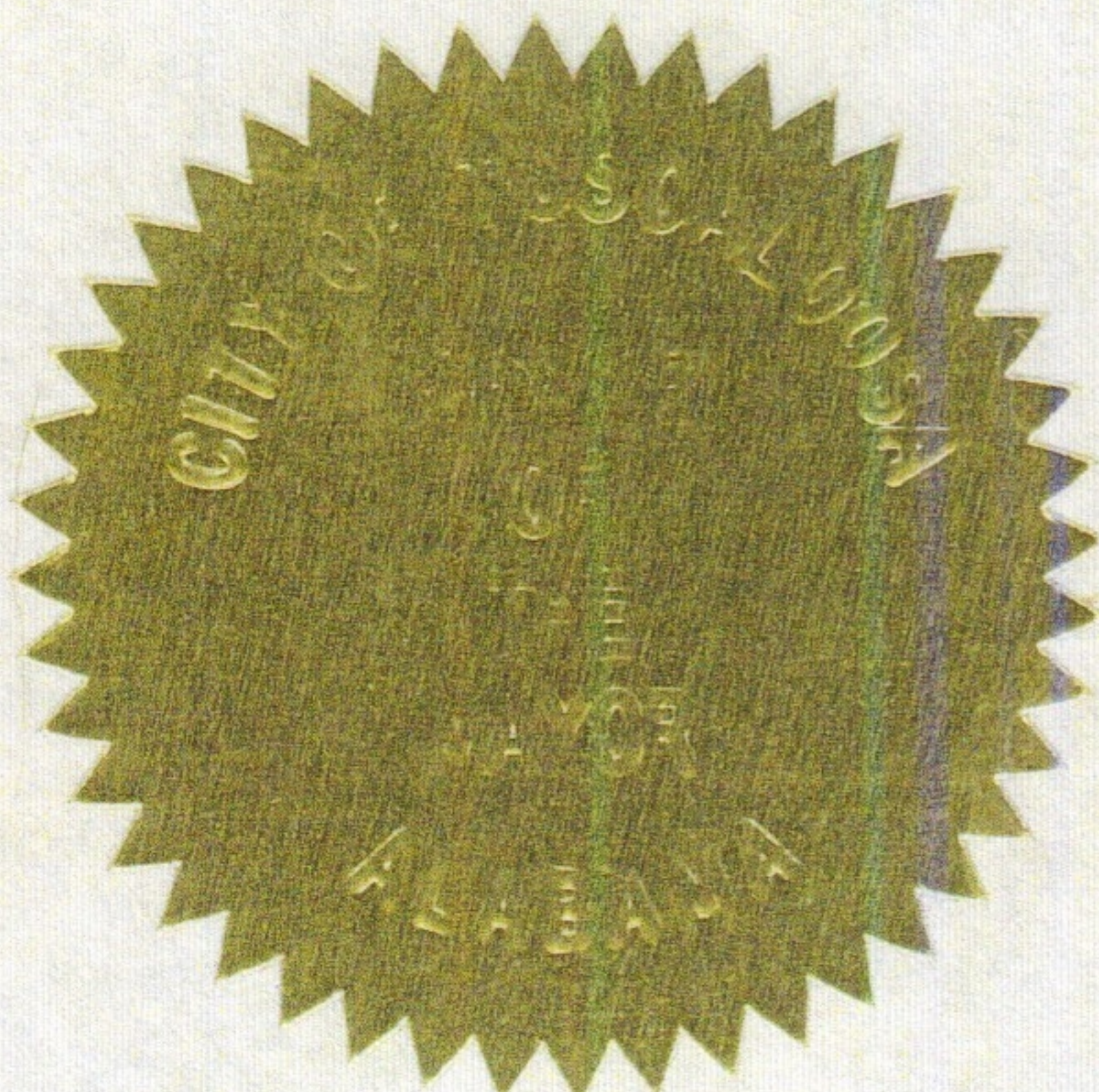
Whereas:

One vibrant aspect of the experience of many participants is the sisterhood which develops among women of differing age and race. This companionship results in lasting friendships.

Now Therefore, I, Walter Maddox, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the day of October 13th, 2012 to be

"New Options Recognition Day"

and urge all women to come together to celebrate the unique experience shared in seeking new options for your journeys.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Corporate Seal of this City to be affixed this the 22nd day of October, 2012.

Walt Maddox

*Walter Maddox, Mayor
City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama*